

Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 11/08/2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 50-80.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 16 January 2002 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |

DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 50-80 are allowed.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:
 - 2.1 Independent claims 50, 65 and 70: The current invention is directed to a multimedia messaging system, capable of playing a first message, whether it is a voice mail or e-mail, to a telephone through a public switching telephone network, and deleting **all** messages which have a common trait (sender, media, subject, time received, etc.), but different contents with the first message in the messaging system when a delete-all command is received from the telephone.

Prior art issued to Kesanupalli et al. (US 6,603,837) discloses an e-mail system with a central server and a plurality of local servers, in that when an e-mail is received by the central server, copies of the e-mail is sent to each of the local servers, and a user may retrieve the e-mail by phone from any local server, the user may also delete the e-mail from the local server accessed. Once the e-mail is deleted from a local server, all copies are deleted from all other servers. Kesanupalli fails to teach deleting multiple e-mail messages with different contents.

Prior art issued to Kunjibettu (US 6,697,458) discloses a synchronized voice mail and e-mail, in that when a voice mail message is received, a corresponding e-mail message is sent to an e-mail server, indicating the receipt of the voice mail. Once the

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voice mail message is deleted, the corresponding e-mail message is also deleted.

Kunjubettu fails to teach deleting more than one message, which have a common trait with the voice mail message.

Prior art issued to Foladare et al. (US 6,373,926) discloses a multimedia messaging system, in that when a message of one media is received, the message is translated to other media and stored in other media servers. Once one of these messages in one medium server is deleted, all messages in other media servers are deleted. Foladare fails to teach deleting messages with different contents.

Prior issued to Tatchell et al. (US 5,905,774) and Tzirkel-Hancock (US 5,960,395) teaches deleting all voice messages from a common sender, or from a new or old message folder. Both Tatchell and Tzirkel-Hancock fail to teach deleting e-mail messages.

2.2 Independent claim 75: The current invention is directed to a multimedia messaging system in that in that after a fax message is played to a user through a telephone, the user may instruct the unified messaging system to delete **all** messages having a common trait with the fax message, and at least one e-mail message having a common trait with the fax message is deleted.

Prior Art O'Neal (US 6,640,242) discloses a unified messaging system able to play voicemail, e-mail and fax mail messages to a user through a telephone, and enables a user to manage his messages by voice commands, but fails to teach deleting multiple messages with different media.

Prior Art Foladare et al. (US 6,373,926) discloses a centralized messaging system, which duplicates and stores a received message in other messaging media formats, when one messages in one media format is deleted, other associated messages are also deleted. Foladare fails to teach a fax mail server, and playing a text message to a telephone.

3. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communication from the examiner should be directed to Simon Sing whose telephone number is (571) 272-7545. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday from 8:30 AM to 5:30 PM. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Fan Tsang, can be reached at (571) 272-7545. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (571) 272-2600.

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